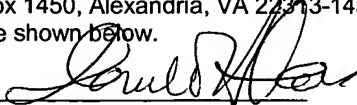




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	AB	3,907,909	9/23/75	Maculoso Sr. et al.	260	632 HF	
	AC	5,849,960	12/15/98	Singleton et al.	568	909	
	AD	2002/0004621	1/10/02	Xu et al.	585	260	
	AE	2002/0087040	7/4/02	Marchionna et al.	585	331	
	AF	6,414,199	7/2/02	Saruwatari	68	728	
	AG	2,930,763	3/29/60	Haensel	252	441	
	AH	6,150,322	11/21/00	Singleton et al.	510	426	
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	AR	"Sasol Detergent Alcohols," Preliminary Sasol R&D Technical Bulletin, 25 November 1996, pp. 1-13, XP002932342
	AS	Flanigen et al., "Aluminophosphate Molecular Sieves and the Periodic Table," New Developments in Zeolite Science Technology, 1986, Kodansha Ltd., Tokyo, Japan, pp. 103-112
	AT	"Alcohols, Higher Aliphatic," Kirk Othmer Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology, 2000, Fourth Edition, John Wiley & Sons, pp. 865-913

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	CB	5,780,694	7/14/98	Singleton	568	909	
	CC	2003/0120118	6/26/03	Betts et al.	568	451	
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	DB	6,150,322	11/21/00	Singleton et al.	510	426	
	DC	2,620,314	12/2/52	Hoekstra	252	448	
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	DF	3,239,569	3/8/66	Slaugh	260	632	
	DG	3,239,570	3/8/66	Slaugh	260	632	
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	EC	3,400,163	9/3/68	Mason et al.	260	606.5	
	ED	3,420,875	1/7/69	DiSalvo et al.	260	513	
	EE	3,420,893	1/7/69	Faltings et al.	260	618	
	EF	3,428,654	2/18/69	Rubinfeld et al.	260	327	
	EG	3,440,291	4/22/69	Van Winkle et al.	260	632	
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	FF	3,527,818	9/8/70	Mason et al.	260	632	
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	GC	4,016,245	4/5/77	Plank et al.	423	328	
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